

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 OTTAWA 03046 162122Z
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 PM-05 NSC-05 SP-02 SS-15 CIAE-00

INR-10 NSAE-00 /050 W

-----109020 162131Z /64

P 162113Z JUN 78

FM AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 7745

OSD WASHDC

JCS WASHDC

HQUSAF WASHDC

C O N F I D E N T I A L OTTAWA 03046

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MPOL, CA

SUBJECT: DEDICATED FIGHTERS FOR AIR DEFENSE

DEPARTMENT FOR EUR/CAN; OSD FOR ISA; JCS FOR J-5; HQUSAF FOR
AF/XOX, AF/PR

1. WE UNDERSTAND THAT ONE ISSUE BEING ADDRESSED IN THE
CURRENT DOD PLANNING CYCLE IS WHETHER TO DEDICATE A
NUMBER OF F-15'S TO THE CONTINENTAL AIR DEFENSE MISSION.

2. THIS ISSUE IS A MATTER OF CONTINUING CONCERN TO
CANADA. SEVERAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAMS NOW UNDER
CONSIDERATION BY THE GOC WOULD MODERNIZE THE FORCES
THAT CANADA CONTRIBUTES TO NORAD. CRITICS OF THOSE
PROGRAMS HAVE ARGUED THAT: (1) THE U.S. APPEARS TO BE
ASSIGNING LESS IMPORTANCE TO THE AIR DEFENSE MISSION
AND IS ALLOWING THE CAPABILITY OF ITS AIR DEFENSE
SYSTEMS TO DETERIORATE BY ITS FAILURE TO MODERNIZE THEM;
(2) SINCE THE BULK OF THE AIR DEFENSE LOAD MUST BE
CARRIED BY THE U.S., THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE CONTINENTAL
AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM WILL ULTIMATELY BE DETERMINED BY
THE U.S. CONTRIBUTION; (3) THEREFORE, CANADA SHOULD
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 OTTAWA 03046 162122Z

NOT ALLOCATE FUNDS TO MODERNIZE CANADIAN AIR DEFENSE
FORCES; THESE FORCES WOULD HAVE LITTLE EFFECT ON THE
OUTCOME OF A NUCLEAR ATTACK ON NORTH AMERICA.

3. A COMMITMENT BY THE U.S. TO DEDICATE MODERN FIGHTERS
TO THE AIR DEFENSE ROLE WOULD DEMONSTRATE A CONTINUING
COMMITMENT TO AN EFFECTIVE AIR DEFENSE OF NORTH AMERICA

AND HELP UNDERCUT THE ARGUMENTS OF THESE CRITICS.
PROGRAMS TO MODERNIZE CANADIAN AIR DEFENSE FORCES ARE
CLEARLY TO U.S. ADVANTAGE. THEREFORE, WE BELIEVE THAT
AN IDENTIFIABLE MODERN FIGHTER AIRCRAFT FORCE SHOULD BE
DEDICATED TO NORAD FOR CONTINENTAL AIR DEFENSE.
DUEMLING

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: AIR DEFENSE, MILITARY PERSONNEL, FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS, PROGRAMS (PROJECTS)
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 16 jun 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978OTTAWA03046
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780252-0886
Format: TEL
From: OTTAWA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780650/aaaabrgm.tel
Line Count: 68
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: f0cc5087-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 08 jul 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2321841
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: DEDICATED FIGHTERS FOR AIR DEFENSE DEPARTMENT FOR EUR/CAN; OSD FOR ISA; JCS FOR J-5; HQUSAF FOR AF/XOX, AF/PR
TAGS: MPOL, CA
To: STATE OSD
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/f0cc5087-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014